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MEMORANDUM FOR: Ambassador Julius Holmes  
SUBJECT : CIA Contribution to Special Middle  
East Study

1. One of CIA's commitments to your study is a projection of economic trends in the area over the next ten years. It was promised on a tentative basis for 15 June, with an absolute deadline of 30 June.

2. Due to the Arab-Israeli war and its aftermath, levies on the Office of Research and Reports for economic reporting have been heavy. In addition, the special NSC committee studying the Arab-Israeli problem has demanded on the highest priority a number of special economic studies.

3. These demands have taken the entire time of the relatively small group of ORR economists dealing with this area, and we have had no choice but to assign a lower priority to other projects.

4. I regret, therefore, that ORR will not be able to furnish its annex until 14 July.

/s/ R. J. Smith

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